

June 27, 1979 Wed.

Dear Vickie and Jimmy,

Our flight home was just perfect and I was the most relaxed I have ever been and we didn't even go into the bar before getting on the plane and I just loved the flying. We landed first in Columbus, Ohio and I stayed on the plane but dad got off for the few minutes we had there. No drinks were served since the time was so short. We then flew to Minneapolis and had breakfast on the plane and were in Minneapolis for about an hour and had to change planes there. Then on the way to Seattle we did have a martini on the plane and the weather and scenery was beautiful and the flight seemed so short and I hated it to end. We didn't have to wait for our baggage as it had come in on an earlier plane so we called a cab and got home in a hurry. I called Aunt Stella and she came up and we caught up on all our weeks of being away. The weather here is just beautiful summer weather and I started right away my work in the yard which looked pretty bad. Today we bought another weed eater and I have been using that today so my typing will probably be bad as I just came in and my hands are tired as the weed eater is a little heavy to use but the yard is starting to look better. The mower works real good also and my neighbor, Mrs. Weaver said Harold did a terrible job of mowing it. Of course I didn't tell Stella what she said. We had just a wonderful time when we were there and we think and talk about it all the time. You kids are very special and we certainly are happy that we are so welcome. I miss being there altho it is nice to be back home again and to see Aunt Stella. We are going to take them out for dinner Saturday night. I wish I could find an unusual place to go to but maybe we will just settle on going to the Swedish Club. I still have so much yard work to do and I think I have to do it all in one day so I have to make myself quit and rest up before going back out again. The toll is now off from the Evergreen bridge after sixteen years. The gas situation isn't as bad here as it is there but the stations still aren't opened all the time but the line ups aren't bad at all and we have gas in both cars.

We had dinner out the first night we arrived home and then the next day, dad went out and bought alot of food. We had steaks last night and tonight he has to fix dinner as I have worked so hard in the yard. He also had alot to do with paying the bills and doing all of that kind of work which takes a great deal of time.

I think Mike is due to come here in a few days. I wonder if Mary has recuperated from all of her company before the next bunch arrives which will be tomorrow. I talked to Jeannie and she is planning to come over for a few minutes tomorrow.

Our cabin renters sent their check just about on time and deducted ten dollars from the light bill for paint for the kitchen. Since the weather is so nice it makes us wish we could go up there but after we get things back in order here we will go someplace, either to the ocean or up to Canada.

We think of you all the time and see joggers go by often. I have an old friend who is really old since he is eighty-five years old, and he called me yesterday and he still walks three and a half miles every morning. Dad and I are going to try to see him about once a week and take him for a ride as he is so lonesome since his wife died.

Thank you for a wonderful time with you and I hope we can get back there again before too long. I will stop for now and write a note to Mary. I wonder how the Jewetts are getting along. I know they had a good time when they were there.

Love,

Mom.